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EP 0 949 455 A1 discloses that the heating unit has a bypass valve (7) with a solenoid operating unit (8), which is coupled with a fan (9), is arranged in a bypass to the fuel supply line (5), upstream from burner stages (1,2). Thus, when increased heating power is required, an increased fuel supply to the burner stages results by the opening of the bypass valve by the solenoid. The bypass valve is only operable, if the fan is in operation. The throttle element is arranged in the fuel supply line, before its branching to the burner stages, outside from the bypass.

DE 42 25 789 A1 discloses that the pressure of gas is measured (5, 14) before and after being reduced by a regulator (7) to which a set-point value is communicated (8) by a stored-program controller (9). The regulated pressure (Pv) is applied to the heater (32) via a number of parallel magnetic valves (21-24) with reference nozzles (25-28). The valves (21-24), normally closed, can be opened individually by the controller (9). The nozzles (25-28) serve as adjustable constrictions selected either singly or in a group.

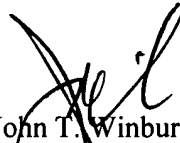
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